

CLAIMS

1. A harness for a quadruped animal including a chest
5 strap which in use of the harness lies across the chest of
the animal in front of the forelegs the harness including an
attachment for a leading strap, the attachment being
slidably mounted on the chest strap for movement therealong.
- 10 2. A harness according to claim 1 in which the attachment
for a leading strap is a ring through which the chest strap
passes.
3. A harness according to claim 1 or 2 further comprising
15 a stabilising link one end of which is mounted on the chest
strap and the other end of which is adapted to be attached
in use of the harness to a collar around the neck of the
animal.
- 20 4. A harness according to claim 3 in which the
stabilising link is slidably mounted on the chest strap for
movement therealong.
5. A harness according to claim 4 in which the attachment
25 for a leading strap and the stabilising link are connected
so as to be able to move together along the chest strap.
6. A harness according to claim 3, 4 or 5 in which the
stabilising link is attached to a cinch through which a loop
30 of the chest strap passes.
7. A harness according to claim 6 in which the attachment
for a leading strap is mounted on the said loop of the chest
strap whereby the cinch is retained on the chest strap.

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8. A harness according to any preceding claim further comprising a trunk loop which to which each end of the chest strap is attached, the trunk loop in use of the harness passing around the trunk of the animal behind the forelegs.

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9. A harness according to claim 8 in which the trunk loop comprises a back strap which in use of the harness lies across the back of the animal affixed to a lower strap which in use of the harness passes under the animal behind the forelegs.

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10. A harness according to claim 9 in which the back strap is pivotably affixed to the lower strap

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11. A harness according to claim 9 or 10 in which a second attachment for a leading strap is provided on the back strap.

12. A harness according to claim 9, 10 or 11 in which the ends of the chest strap are pivotably attached to the trunk loop where the back strap meets the lower strap.

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13. A harness according to claim 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12 in which the trunk loop includes a clasp by which it can be opened to in use of the harness allow the harness to be placed on or removed from an animal.

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14. A harness according to any preceding claim in which the length of at least one strap or loop is adjustable.

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15. A harness according to any preceding claim for a dog.

16. A harness according to any preceding claim in which the attachment on the chest strap for a leading strap is constrained against free movement along the chest strap.

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17. A harness according to any preceding claim in which the second attachment for a leading strap is constrained against free movement along the back strap.

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18. A harness according to any preceding claim in which the chest strap is of a polyester webbing.

19. A harness substantially as described with reference to the drawings.

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20. A method of controlling a dog or other quadruped animal comprising:

placing a harness according to any preceding claim on the animal; and

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attaching a leading strap to the or each attachment for a leading strap.

21. A method of controlling a dog substantially as described.

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AMENDED CLAIMS

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1. A harness for a quadruped animal including:
 - a chest strap which in use of the harness lies across the chest of the animal in front of the forelegs;
 - a trunk loop to which each end of the chest strap is attached and which in use of the harness passes around the trunk of the animal behind the forelegs; and
 - an attachment for a leading strap, the attachment being slidably mounted on the chest strap for movement therealong.
2. A harness according to claim 1 in which the attachment for a leading strap is a ring through which the chest strap passes.
3. A harness according to claim 1 or 2 further comprising a stabilising link one end of which is mounted on the chest strap and the other end of which is adapted to be attached in use of the harness to a collar around the neck of the animal.
4. A harness according to claim 3 in which the stabilising link is slidably mounted on the chest strap for movement therealong.
5. A harness according to claim 4 in which the attachment for a leading strap and the stabilising link

are connected so as to be able to move together along the chest strap.

6. A harness according to claim 3, 4 or 5 in which the stabilising link is attached to a cinch through which a loop of the chest strap passes.

7. A harness according to claim 6 in which the attachment for a leading strap is mounted on the said loop of the chest strap whereby the cinch is retained on the chest strap.

8. A harness according to claim 1 in which the trunk loop comprises a back strap which in use of the harness lies across the back of the animal affixed to a lower strap which in use of the harness passes under the animal behind the forelegs.

9. A harness according to claim 8 in which the back strap is pivotably affixed to the lower strap

10. A harness according to claim 8 or 9 in which a second attachment for a leading strap is provided on the back strap.

11. A harness according to claim 8, 9 or 10 in which the ends of the chest strap are pivotably attached to the trunk loop where the back strap meets the lower strap.

12. A harness according to claim 8, 9, 10 or 11 in which the trunk loop includes a clasp by which it can be opened to in use of the harness allow the harness to be placed on or removed from an animal.

13. A harness according to any preceding claim in which the length of at least one strap or loop is adjustable.

14. A harness according to any preceding claim for a dog.

15. A harness according to any preceding claim in which the attachment on the chest strap for a leading strap is constrained against free movement along the chest strap.

16. A harness according to any preceding claim in which the second attachment for a leading strap is constrained against free movement along the back strap.

17. A harness according to any preceding claim in which the chest strap is of a polyester webbing.

18. A method of controlling a dog or other quadruped animal comprising:

placing a harness according to any preceding claim on the animal; and

attaching a leading strap to the or each attachment for a leading strap.